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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite the remaining claims and add new claims as shown below.

- 1. A method for analyzing operation of a combustor comprising steps of:
- (a) monitoring radiation emitted within the combustor;
- (b) analyzing an AC component of the monitored radiation according to a first algorithm;
- (c) analyzing the AC component of the monitored radiation according to a second algorithm; and

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